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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (37 C.F.R. §1.121)

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This is in response to a May 23, 2005 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment indicating that Applicants' response filed on February 18, 2005 did not comply with 37 C.F.R. §1.121.

Applicants submit herewith a revised February 18, 2005 amendment complying with 37 C.F.R. §1.121 indicating that claim 28 was not merely "Amended," but is "Currently Amended." Applicants also include their February 18, 2005 response to ensure completeness of the record. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that their amendments are now in compliance with the rules and request withdrawal of the May 23, 2005 action.

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Applicants also file herewith a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 for use in the event that the examiner maintains his rejections of the claims in the present amendment. Such an application is permitted under M.P.E.P. 714.03 where it states,

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Therefore, the RCE application is proper at this time and with this response, and no fees other than the RCE application fee are believed to be necessary.

Applicants respectfully submit that this case is now in condition for allowance.



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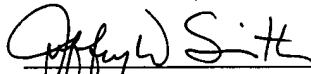
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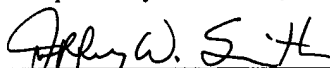
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